

Briefing for WANN Proposer's Day

Disruption Tolerant Networking (DTN) Program Overview Brief

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Relying solely on classic IP for tactical/edge military networks risks catastrophic failure

Military wireless nets episodically connected because of terrain, weather, jamming, access schedules; resulting in rapid topology changes

Problem: Internet protocols *will* drop intermittent end-to-end connections

Solution: Move messages towards destination via store & forward

Problem: Best path towards destination depends on many parameters

Solution: Support multiple routing algorithms (advantaged, battery, satellite, sneaker-net)

Tactical military radios may not know destination address

Problem: IP must know the endpoint address before it will send a message

Problem: IP uses DNS lookup to resolve address, costs precious transmission opportunities, DNS may not be connected, routers may not have translation

Solution: Late binding of name to endpoint address

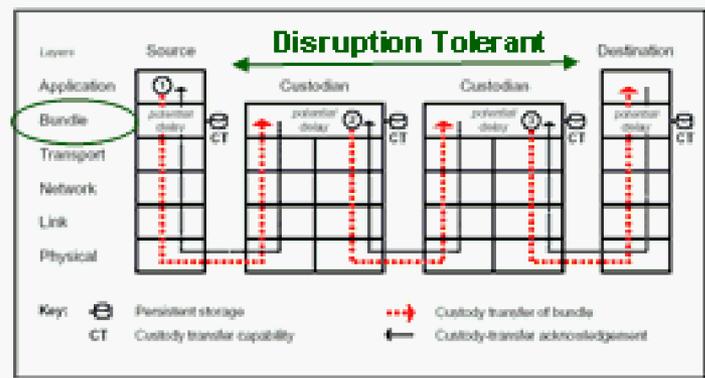
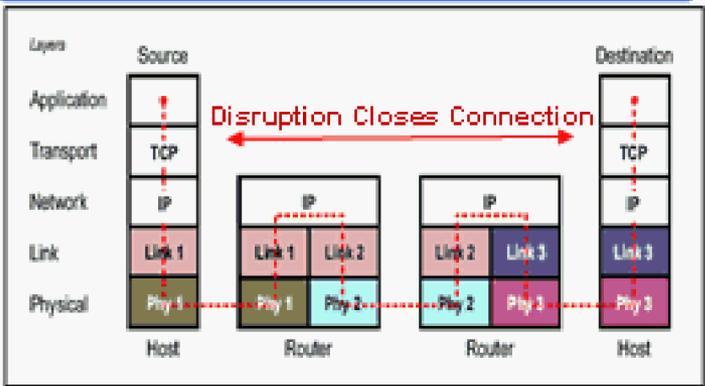
Tactical/edge military networks may be a mix of IP and non-IP radios

Problem: IP crossing non-IP domains requires translation/bridging

Solution: Bundle mechanism a general solution which converges different transports for reliable communication

DTN supports tactical network operations during & across network connectivity lapses/disruptions - *IP does not and cannot*

Develop Disruption Tolerant Networking Technologies Required for Deploying Distributed Battlefield Networks.

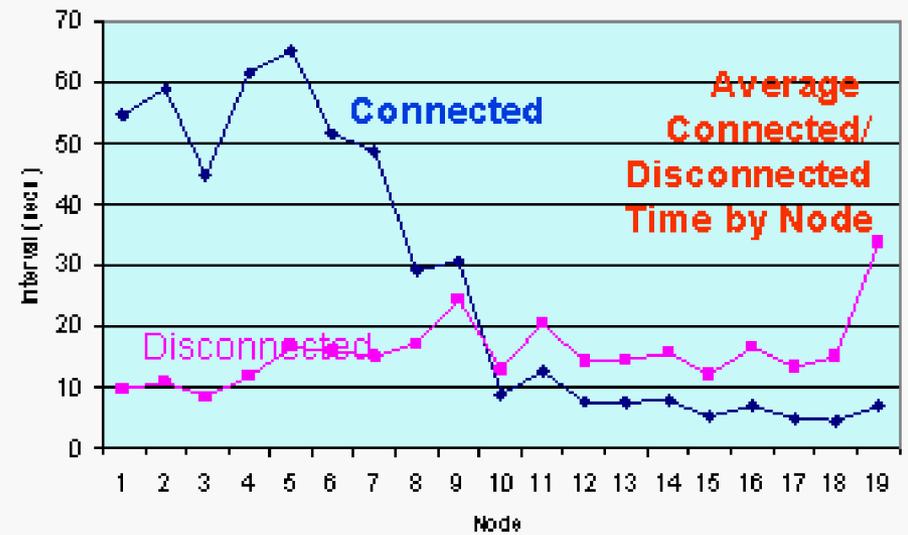
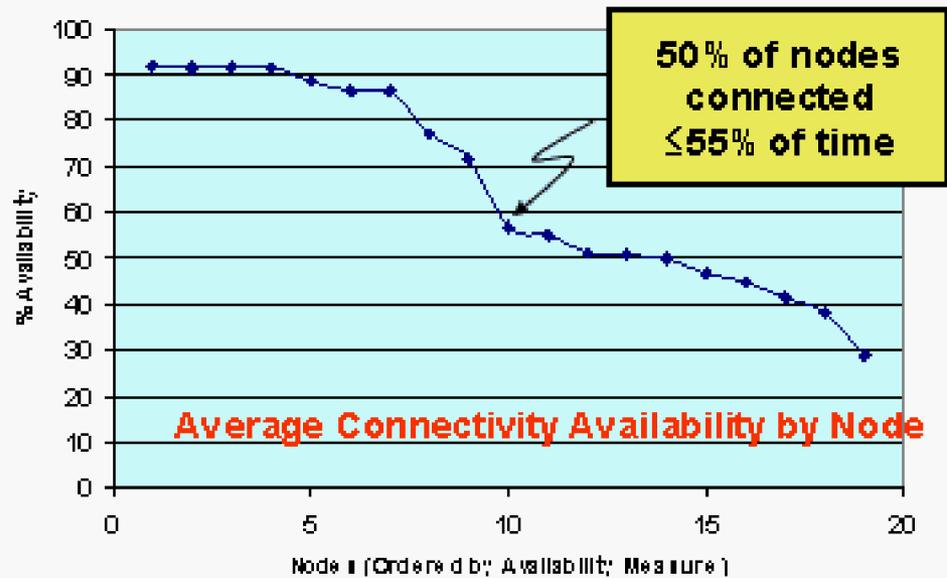


Technology Needs

- **Bundling:** Organize info into “Bundles” for delivery
- **Fuzzy Scheduling:** Make network routing decisions when path availability/optimality is unknown
- **Late Binding:** Enable network traffic delivery when end-to-end address and routing is unknown
- **Reasoning-based Resource Planning and Utilization:** Move intelligence into network to make sensible delivery choices
- **Trusted Delivery:** Provide authentication in the absence of connectivity to PKI

Feature	Internet	DTN Enhancement
Scope	Needs global nodes/ routes awareness	Needs only local node/topology awareness
Connectivity	Must be end-to-end	May be episodic
Network Complexity	Extremely simple	Introduces complex elements

Toughen the Network, Not Just the Radio!

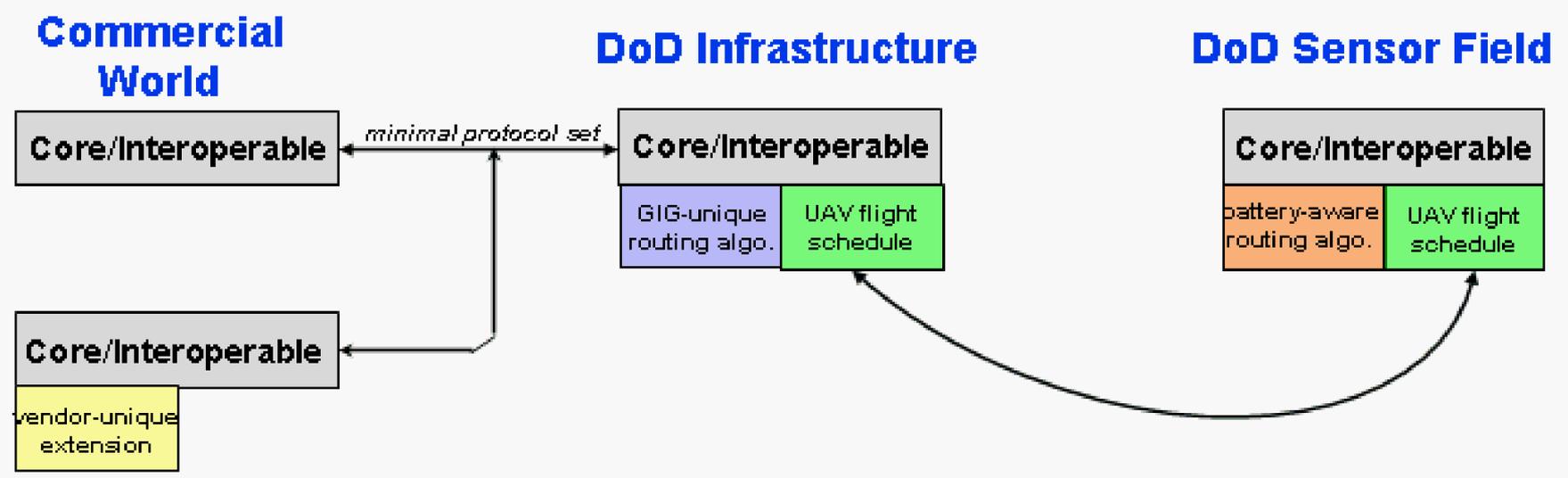


- Position Reports Used as Measure
- Highly Favorable Metric Used
Loss of 2 Successive (1 Sec Interval) Reports Considered as Disconnected

Wireless networks need diverse routing behaviors:

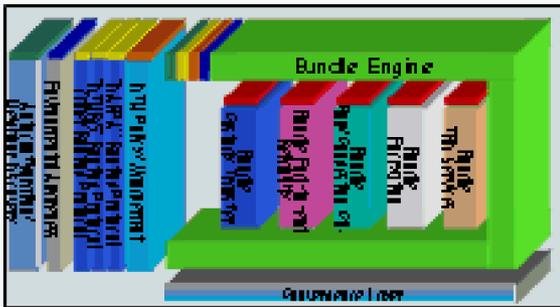
- “Open Biggest Battery First” (*Battery-powered systems*)
- “Use Advantaged Node Last” (*Transient aircraft nodes*)
- “Open Least Tx Energy Path First” (*Energy-starved systems*)
- “Open Least Used Reasonable Path First” (*Fairness*)

Need a mechanism that *extends (doesn't replace) COTS products*



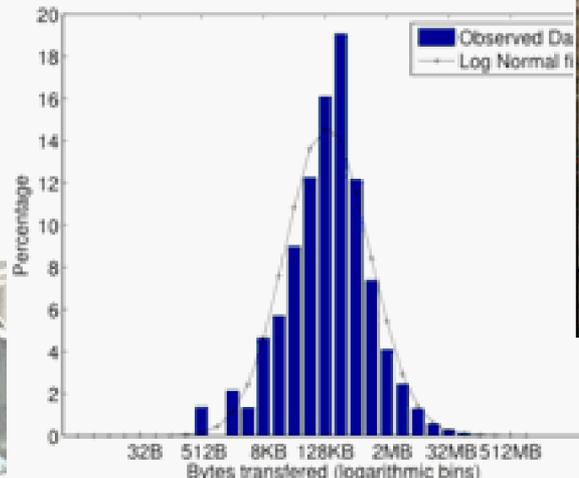
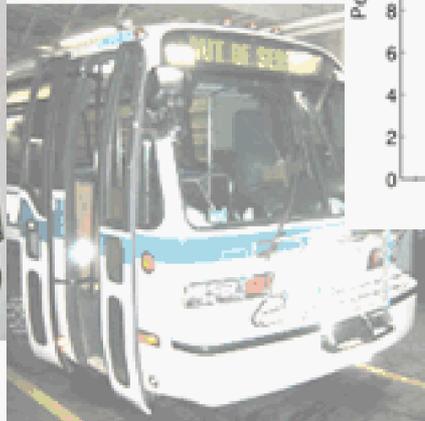
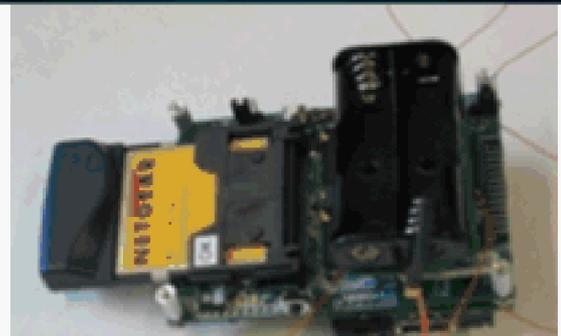
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Environments	Tactical	IPN	Sensor Net	Other (TBD)
Specific Instantiations				

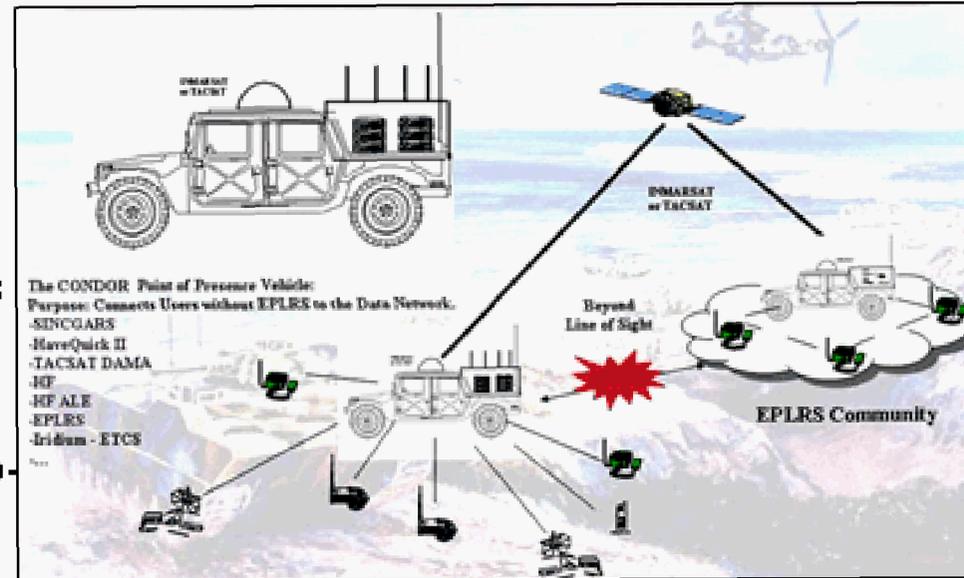
- University DTN testbeds (GaTech/UMass) urban ops experiment with multipath and rapid topology change (route breakage)
- Long-term 24/7 Experiment at Low Cost with Mobile nodes, sensors, and throw-boxes – analogs of tactical military wireless networks – urban+rural – manned & vehicular



DieselNet: routers in 40 busses in Amherst

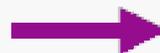
No one ever thinks they need DTN – until they try to build a network with IP radios

- JTRS saw need from DTN program inception
- Need demonstrated in FCS-C Demo3 (19-20 Aug 2003)
- AF Store and Forward among tactical users
- Advocated to DISA & J6 for the GIG
- SPAWAR/Seaweb/Naval Special Warfare
- UNOLS/SWAP oceanographic MANET (ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore)



Marine CONDOR exercises – experimental DTN embedded in router

- Gather data about network disruption in real environment
- Learn how DTN integrates with Marine Corps operations
 - Understand DTN's impact on CONOPS
- Obtain early feedback from a service
- Help understand how time-value of data interacts with network disruption



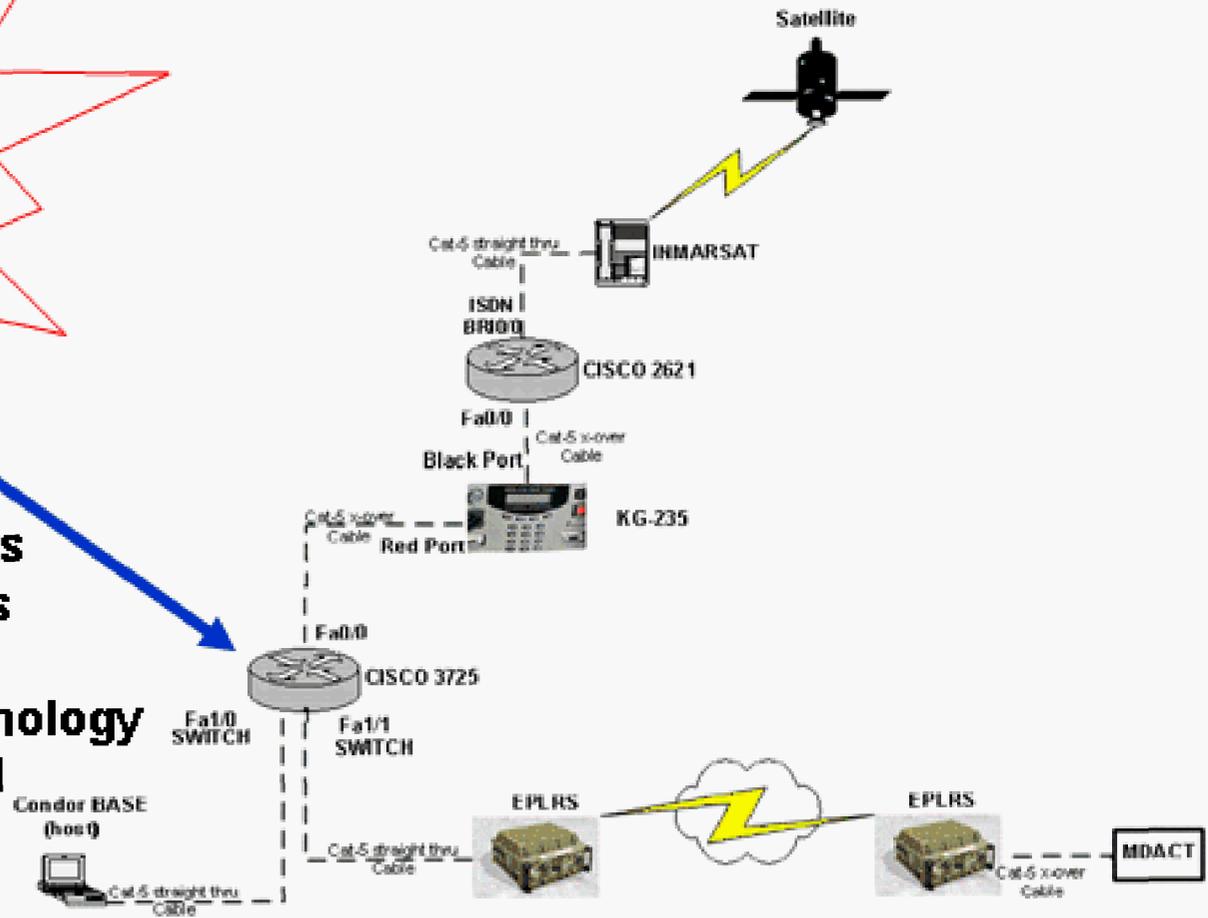
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CONDOR Gateway Cable Map

DTN integrated directly into CONDOR Cisco Router

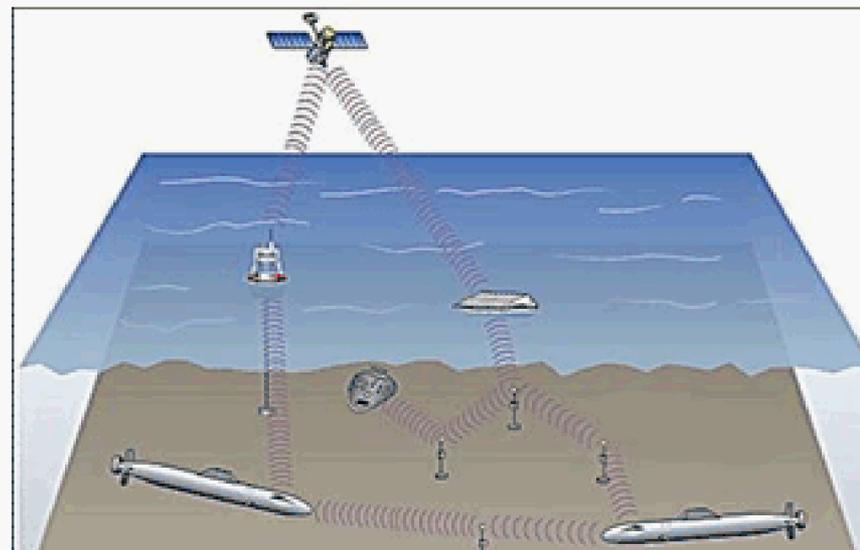
Benefits

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How: Cisco Linux function card
COTS Hardware

- **Sole demonstrated undersea wireless network**
challenged environment – power, pressure, size, noise, bandwidth
difficulties similar to MANPACK radio (power, size, noise)
- **Working towards transitioning several PORs – Sea Eagle, Sea Shield (DARPA **CNAV**), DADS, 2010 Mine, Sub Comms @Speed&Depth**
- **Reality check for DTN in ‘brutal’ environments**
Not a bolt-on – need a stripped down bundle protocol
Must be integrated into system with routing
– may need to add to support DTN
- **Needs DTN for reliable networking**
- **Testbed – system to sea 4 times/year**



Can DTN be made to work in such constrained environments?

Thank You!